

Washington, DC – On Wednesday, June 9th, Congressman Harry Teague will participate in a Transportation and Infrastructure Committee Hearing to look into the liability requirements for oil spills imposed by the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 (OPA) and related statutes on offshore facilities and vessels operating in U.S. waters. The hearing comes in the wake of the ongoing Deep Horizon oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico.

The hearing will focus on whether the current liability limits for offshore facilities and vessels should be raised and whether the amount of financial responsibility offshore facilities are required to demonstrate for liabilities associated with oil spills should also be raised. Member will also discuss whether increases in the liability limits can and should be applied retroactively to the Deepwater Horizon incident.

Teague, who has been referred to by Transportation and Infrastructure Committee Chairman, James Oberstar, as the “House’s Resident Oil Drilling Practitioner”, has over thirty years experience in the oil and gas industry. He also previously questioned British Petroleum (BP) executives during a Transportation and Infrastructure Committee hearing on the Deep Horizon spill.

All interested media are invited to attend.

Wednesday, June 9th:

What: Transportation and Infrastructure Full Committee Hearing

Where: 2167 Rayburn House Office Building

When: Wednesday, June 9th, 10:30 AM – 11:30 AM

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